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MEMORANDUM FOR: AFCEC-5
Headquarters USAF

3 NOV 1959

ATTENTION : Colonel Leo P. Gentry

SUBJECT : Retention on Flying Status in Grade - 1

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1. [redacted] one of the Project weather officers, has recently been placed in Flying Status Code 3 by action of the Headquarters USAF Rated Officer Board. This is of concern to me inasmuch as [redacted] has been one of the most willing, capable and reliable pilots available to us in the accomplishment of our many classified transport flights. Since his assignment here on 30 December 1958, [redacted] has flown 377 hours as C-47 aircraft commander and as C-54 Co-Pilot. Of this, 367 hours have been logged on 62 missions where a project-cleared crew was required.

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2. As you may know, our weather officers are actually assigned to Detachment 1-2, Third Weather Wing, AHS WHEB. The nature of Major [redacted] flying activities is not known in AHS and WHEB. I feel that this lack of knowledge was a prime factor in the Board's decision. Since it is impossible to inform the proper AHS and WHEB administrative personnel of the importance of [redacted] flying for us, it would be futile to request remedial action through normal channels.

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3. The administrative circumstances which have him assigned to AHS, but working for us, have not lessened his value to us as one of the few cleared pilots available. In fact, [redacted] has continuously been more aggressive in seeking flights and more willing to undertake missions at odd hours of the night and on weekends than most pilots available to us, assigned or not.

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4. I believe that having [redacted] returned to Flying Status Code 1 would be in the best interests of the Air Force and certainly in the best interests of the Project. I request that all possible action be taken to this effect. [redacted], AHS Hq., has been contacted concerning this request and his full concurrence received.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

(Signed) Stanley W. Beerli

By: STANLEY W. BEERLI
Colonel USAF

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